To: Executive Committee, Indiana Professional Standards Board

From: Peggy Hines, Chair, External Committee for School Counseling

Date: September 17, 2002

RE: Recommendation for Changes to Licensure Framework

Part of the charge of the External Committee for School Counseling was to determine how the framework would address school settings and to determine the pre-requisite for the school counseling license.

The committee is recommending that the candidate who completes a school counseling program be prepared to serve all school settings. In addition, the committee is recommending that the school counselor be required to hold a Master's Degree in school counseling as a pre-requisite for licensure. If the recommendation is approved by the Indiana Professional Standards Board, the Licensure Framework would be amended as follows:

Current Framework Language

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Content: Based on the content Standards for the School Services Professional with addendum A, Standards for the School Counseling Professional. Addendum A will be completed in the fall of 2001. The license will state the following:

School Counselor

Comment: It has not yet been determined whether separate school settings will be established or whether all school settings will be placed on the license.

Comment: It has not yet been determined whether an instructional license will be required as a pre-requisite to the school counselor license.

Proposed Framework Language

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

School Setting: All Schools

Content: Based on the content Standards for the School Services Professional with Addendum A, Standards for the School Counseling Professional. The license will state the following:

School Counselor

Comment: A Master's Degree in school counseling is required for licensure as a school counselor.

Comment: Candidates for the school counselor license are required to complete 700 hours of field experience to include practice in all developmental levels.

Comment: The School Counselor licensure applies to all, regardless of title, who have the role/responsibilities of educational, career, and school counseling services for students.

Recommendation of External Committee for School Counseling:	
The Executive Committee recommend to the full Board that the Licensure Framework be amended to include the proposed framework language for the school counselor license.	